

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please substitute the attached 8 sheets (Figs. 1-15) of formal drawings for the informal drawings originally filed with the application. A separate Transmittal of Formal Drawings is submitted.

The drawing sheets attached in connection with the above-identified Application containing Figures 1-15 are being presented as new formal drawing sheets to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheets. No drawing Figures have been amended. No new matter has been added.

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Claims 1-19, 28, 29, 31, 39, 40 and 45-67 are requested to be cancelled with prejudice to future prosecution on the merits.

Claims 20, 25-27, 30, 32-34, 36-38 and 43 are currently being amended in a manner intended to be generally consistent with subject matter allowed in the Applicant's corresponding Japanese Patent Application Number 2005-508261.

This amendment changes and deletes claims in this Application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the Application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, Claims 20-27, 30, 32-38 and 41-44 are now pending in this Application.

The Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the Application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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